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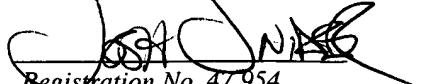
In re U.S. Patent Application )  
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 Serial No. 09/813,692 )  
 Conf. No. 3442 )  
 Filed: March 21, 2001 )  
 For: MAGNETORESISTIVE FILM )  
     HAVING NON-MAGNETIC )  
     SPACER LAYER OF REDUCED )  
     THICKNESS )  
 Art Unit: 1773 )  
 Examiner: Uhlir, Nikolas J. )

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>	= _____	x \$18.00	= \$ _____
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	= _____	x \$84.00	= \$ _____
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00	= \$ _____
Total Additional Fee					\$ _____
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 0

(X) Amendment C.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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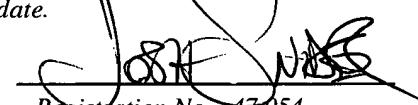
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified Application as follows: